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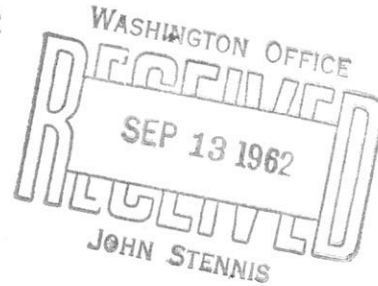
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HATTIESBURG, MISS.
September 10, 1962



United States Senator John Stennis
Senate Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Stennis:

Your news letter of September 6 has been received, and I have read it with interest. That contained in the news letter is what ought to be before the American people. My fear is that we have waited too long to extract ourselves from a very bad situation.

While writing, I want to mention another matter to you. I do not know that you can do anything about it, but I have noted from the press and otherwise that you have been consistent in your efforts to try to save us in the deep south from all of these integrated race problems we have had.

Theron C. Lynd, Circuit Clerk of Forrest County, Mississippi, will be tried for contempt of court by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at Hattiesburg beginning Monday, September 17. Very frankly, this is a situation where we cannot expect much of justice unless we can get some pressure from some place. I regret to think that courts are subject to pressure, but I am inclined to believe that most Federal Courts, beginning with the courts of appeals and ending with the Supreme Court of the United States, are subject in some quarters to pressure. Judge Tuttle of Atlanta is a great evil to our area. Judge Wisdom in New Orleans is just as dangerous, and then we have Brown from Houston, Texas. These men really are prejudice beyond description. We are fortunate to have Judge Ben Cameron, but he cannot carry the load alone. The panel of judges who will sit in Hattiesburg contrary to the court rules but according to their wishes are Brown, Bell and Wisdom. I have been playing the role of leadership in the fight here, but need all the help I can get and if you have any ideas, I surely would like to get the benefit of same. I am afraid we have lost before we begin. I do know that the attorneys advised Mr. Lynd what to do and he did what we advised him to do and I think what we advised him to do was right, but it does not satisfy the Attorney General of the United States and his gang. I am so disappointed with our President and with the Attorney General and what they are doing in this field of integration. Your help is needed and will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR LETTER AND SPECIAL APPRAISAL OF SITUATION. I SHARE YOUR
DEEP CONCERN OVER ^{The} ~~THIS~~ ~~THE MOST TERRIBLE~~ GRAVE AND SERIOUS PROBLEM
CONFRONTING OUR STATE AND OUR PEOPLE. IN A QUIET AND DISCREET WAY I AM ~~BEING~~
CONTINUING TO DO WHAT I CAN TO HELP MEET SITUATION WHICH HAS BECOME STEADILY WORSE.
DEEP THANKS AND WARMEST REGARDS.

JOHN STENNIS
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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